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RCMP team to determine if charges due in avalanche

REVELSTOKE The RCMP is investigating whether criminal charges should be laid in a deadly avalanche near Revelstoke, B.C., that they say was triggered by snowmobilers.

A 10-person team from the major crimes unit is looking into the events surrounding the Boulder Mountain slide and trying to determine who organized the unsanctioned Big Iron Shoot-Out. No one has stepped up to take responsibility for the event in which two men died and 31 others were hurt.

Cpl. Dan Moskaluk said given the unique circumstances, he expects the investigation to be long and complex.

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Poison

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Toronto Maple Leafs' Jonas Gustavsson stops a break-away shot from Ottawa Senators' Milan Michalek during second period NHL action at Scotiabank Place last night. The Sens lost the game 4-1. Coverage, page 13.

Senior murdered: Police

Death of wheelchair-bound man city's fifth homicide of year

MIRANDA MINASSIAN for Metro Ottawa

Ottawa police are investigating the city's fifth homicide for 2010 the death of a wheelchairbound man yesterday, blocks away from the University of Ottawa.

about 2 a.m. to an Ottawa Community Housing sencomplex at

Chapel Cres.

Harry McGinnis, Chartier's next door neighbour, was woken up and questioned by the police early yesterday morning.

McGinnis told police that he hadn't heard anything



unusual from the apartment next door.

"He was a quiet guy," said McGinnis. "He was harm-less and he kept to himself."

Will Harbour, a resident of the same building, described Chartier as a lonely man who was estranged from his wife and kids. Harbour said Chartier had been living in the building for less than a year.

"He really missed his wife and kids. He was

A coroner removes the body of a man after police were called to 721 Chapel Cres. at 2 a.m. yesterday to investigate a suspicious death.

hoping to go back to Montreal to be near them," said Harbour. "Nobody wanted him dead."

Police arrived after 10 a.m. and taped off the back parking lot and the area around Chartier's back door. A detective was seen scanning the dumpster.

The incident has neighbours rattled. Many said the incident is not the first to give police a reason to visit the building.

"This is pretty scary," said resident Linda Henderson. "There are a lot of things happening here."

Ān autopsy was scheduled for late yesterday

Newest transit fine unnecessary: Councillor

TIM WIECLAWSKI

oc TRANSPO With an automated announcement system on the way, another \$12,500 penalty against OC Transpo for drivers failing to call out major stops is unnecessary, insists the head of the city's transit committee.

"I don't see how this fine is going to help matters any," said Bay Ward Coun. Alex Cullen. "These fines divert taxpayers' money. We've got the message. We're doing the best we can. We're bringing in the new system."

Yesterday, the Canadian Transportation Agency issued a second fine against Ottawa's transit service for failing to comply with a 2007 ruling requiring drivers to call out stops.

The previous fine, issued in July 2009, was for a first-time penalty of \$5,000

Cullen said drivers are calling out over 80 per cent of stops and the city is bringing a next-stop announcement system online later this year.

"There is a reason why most major transit operations on this continent have automated systems," said Cullen. "We don't keep drivers on the same routes all the time. There are traffic and passenger issues that come up and demand the drivers' attention."

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Animals at the Ottawa Humane Society are hoping to tap into the luck of the Irish and find new homes this St. Patrick's Day. The OHS said it has many Irishnamed animals, including Shamrock and Tuathla, left, two peach-faced lovebirds available for adoption. For more information about animals available for adoption, call 613-725-3166 ext. 258 or visit ottawahumane.ca. METRO OTTAWA

Charges laid after alleged extortion

CRIME Police have charged two Ottawa men and are seeking a third following an extortion and forcible confinement incident at Al-

gonquin College.
Police said yesterday that just before 1 p.m. on March 11, a student was approached by a male known to him and asked to accompany him to meet two other males in a wash-

Once in the washroom. the victim was said to be grabbed, held down and searched. The suspects allegedly took personal items and demanded he accompany them to a bank machine in the 1900 block of Baseline Road, where an undisclosed amount of money was withdrawn.

The victim reported the incident to Ottawa police, who arrested two males.

Hussein Ismail Abdi, 19, and Otoniel Velasquez, 20, are charged.

Police are seeking a man of Middle Eastern descent, who is 18 to 25 years old and six feet tall with a thin

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D'arcy McGee's Raising a glass



Jane Daly, co-chair of the Emerald Evening, a fundraiser for the Ireland Fund, left, toasts D'arcy McGee's general manager Jeff O'Reilly at the Sparks Street pub yesterday as servers Karolyne LaFortune, top left, and Emily MacInnis look on. The pub expects more than 1,000 St. Patrick's Day revellers today. The day is one of the biggest of the year for most Ottawa bars and pubs after Canada Day.

Landlords want tax ratio lowered

REPORT The tax ratio for multi-residential units has gone down over the past decade, but landlords in Ottawa insist it needs to be reduced even further.

The multi-residential tax ratio is the difference that the owners of condominiums and apartments have to pay compared to residential property owners.

Last year, city council set the multi-residential tax ratio at 1.7, meaning apartment owners had to pay 70 cents more per dollar paid

by homeowners. On Monday, the city's audit budget and finance committee will consider a staff report recommending that the city hold the ratio at its current level.

The report states that Ottawa has one of the lowest multi-residential tax ratios in the province.

However, John Dickie, chair of the Eastern Ontario Landlord Organization, said the report is seriously flawed.

multi-residential class includes all properties with more than six residential units under one title, including rowhouses, walk-up apartments and mid- to high-rise buildings.

Dickie said forcing apartment owners to pay the same taxes as condo owners is a flawed system, because condos tend to be much larger and have a much greater value than apartment units.

"That's not fair," Dickie said. "The two units being compared are not the same.

In 2000, the multi-residential ratio was set at 2.34. Since then it has slowly decreased to 1.7

EOLO is asking for it to be around 1.4 for apartment

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Go greener, speaker urges

Advice on offer at Go Green Expo

When it comes to going green, most people will do the basics, said Ottawa resident David Chernushenko.

They'll recycle their paper and plastics, use energyefficient bulbs, and use the green bins that the city introduced earlier this year.

"We all love to talk a green story, but most of us have really only begun to dabble in what is truly possible," said Chernushenko. "Most will do the really easy stuff, which is great, but it's not great if they're using it as an excuse not to go any

The Ottawa-based greeneconomy educator and living-lightly promoter is a featured speaker at this weekend's Ottawa Go Green Expo at Lansdowne Park, where he'll tell people how

they can get more involved.
"What's keeping people from going so much further is one, the perception that it's going to be so much sacrifice, and two, what's the point of doing it if someone else is doing it?" he said.

"We have to get people to shift together and see that this is an exciting form of

Chernushenko will also



Green-economy educato David Chernushenko will tell people how they can get more involved in green initiatives at the Ottawa Go Green Expo.

offer a sneak preview of his film, Powerful: Energy for Everyone, which will be completed this spring.

"What I discovered in making the film is that we have the possibility of living very well, consuming far less energy and generating most, if not all of it, with renewable forms of energy. The film shows that people like you and me in communities just like ours are already taking big strides.'

The expo will feature hundreds of exhibitors, home and garden ideas, eco-friendly food and clothing, and transportation options dedicated to helping people live green.

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News in brief

UNITED WAY Time is running out to get the nominations in for the United Way's Community Builder of the Year award. The award is designed to celebrate the achievements of groups or individuals who have worked to help make Ot-

tawa a better place to live. The deadline for submissions is tomorrow at 5 p.m. Nominations can be submitted via the United Way's website. The winner will be announced on May 19.

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TSB urges reforms

Agency says Canada faces critical transportation safety issues

TRACEY TONG tracey.tong@metronews.ca

The Transportation Safety Board of Canada listed nine critical safety issues facing the country's trans**port system yesterday.**While the list identifies

safety issues in the air, marine and rail modes, collisions at railway crossings top the list.
"We are pleased with

how the lessons learned from the thousands of accidents we have investigated have made transportation TSB chair Wendy Tadros said yesterday in Ottawa.

"However, the board knows from hard experience that if a persistent problem is not addressed, there will be another acci-

Recorders

• "The tool we most need is objective data, a clear picture of what happened," said TSB chair Wendy Tadros. The best means of pinpointing what occurred is an on-board recorder, she

dent. Airlines, ferries, railways — we're talking about tens of millions of trips annually. We need to tackle the issue on our watchlist now to make the system safer. Our watchlist provides a blueprint for a safer transportation system and that is our goal.

"The watchlist is a means of focusing on the nine most critical issues we see, said Tadros. "These are issues that have arisen in investigation after investigation ... it is time for the industry and the government to work together."

In the rail industry, new recorders are being phased in, but because locomotives last so long, the process will take 20 to 30 years, she said.

"We call on the rail industry to step up the pace," Tadros said.

Agency records show 380 incidents at railway crossings in the last 15 years one every two weeks — and 106 deaths due to collisions between vehicles and passenger trains.

The collisions continue despite advance warning signs and, at about onethird of public crossings, flashing lights, bells and gates.

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Sixth Ottawan charged in connection with porn bust

CRIME A sixth Ottawa man has been charged in relation to last week's provincial child porn sweep.

Mohammad Nafiz Uddin. 20, is scheduled to appear in court today to face two counts of possession of child pornography and one charge of making it available. Police continue to seek Alex Mason, 29. Po-

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lice have already charged Edwin Khitab, 33, a 17-year-old young offender, Michael McCurdy, 23, and Iean Michel Duval. 26.

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Layton seeking limits on prorogation powers

Jack Layton is asking the House of Commons to set limits on the prime minister's power to suspend Parliament. The NDP leader is to introduce a motion today spelling out that the prime minister shall not prorogue Parliament for longer than seven days without the consent of a majority of MPs in the Commons. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada



Harper snuffs pot wishes

Stephen Harper may be using "new media" to reach younger voters but he's not going to grant them their favourite wish: to legalize pot. Harper fielded questions from Canadians during a 40-minute YouTube interview yesterday. Almost 2,000 questions were submitted by the public for others to vote on, and the favourites — by far — concerned legalization of marijuana.

Tories want harsher youth crime rules

The Tory government wants to tighten the Youth Criminal Justice Act to give judges more power to consider "denunciation and deterrence" when sentencing violent offenders.

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson also wants to be able to charge and sentence youths with violent criminal acts when they engage in reckless behaviour — such as a car chase — that endangers the public but doesn't actually injure anyone.

"This legislation will simplify the rules to keep these offenders off the streets when necessary to protect society," Nicholson said at a news conference yesterday, flanked by the mothers of two youths who died at the hands of young offenders.

"In the handling of other violent and repeat young offenders, the court often lacks the

tools necessary to impose appropriate sentences," said Nicholson. He cited the example of young offender who "demonstrates repeat criminal behaviour, or a casual attitude to the law, or

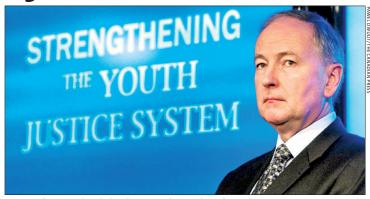
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thy for his or her victim."

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Minister of Justice Rob Nicholson listens to other speakers after making an announcement regarding an amendment to the Youth Criminal Justice Act in Ottawa vesterday.

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Upping seal quota 'a little stupid' given market: Fisherman

east coast A fisherman with more than 50 years of experience hunting seals says there's no sense in raising the allowable catch for the mammals until market conditions improve.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans announced Monday it's raising the quota for this year's East Coast hunt by 50.000

harp seals. But Jack Troake, a veteran sealer, said the gesture "sounds a little stupid," given a market where seals only fetch about \$15

Booze ban

• European alcohol will not be stocked by Nunavut's government-run liquor stores thanks to a motion that passed in the legislature last week.

each — a steep drop from the record \$105 per pelt in 2006.

Opponents, meanwhile, said upping the quota is one in a series of political stunts that began last May when Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean sampled a slice of raw seal heart in Rankin Inlet.

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ISRAEL Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon is taking a harder line against Israel's controversial decision to build settlements in East Jerusalem and now says he condemns the plan. That's the strongest language to date by a Conservative cabinet minister against Israel.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper is expected to make an unusual cameo appearance this week at a key meeting of G20 "sherpas." Top negotiators — known as sherpas — from each of the G20 countries will be in Ottawa on Thursday and Friday to shape the agenda for the big June summit in Toronto. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Flaherty to G20: Clean up debt

Canadian Finance Minister Jim Flaherty says other developed nations should come up with clearer plans on how they are going to get their weighty budget deficits under control.

Flaherty also urged the Group of 20 leading and industrialized countries to step up work on financial reforms head of the annual spring meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank in

"We're obviously concerned about bumps in the road as we move forward with economic recovery from the crisis."

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty

Washington D.C.

Flaherty said Greece's debt troubles were a timely reminder that world leaders need to agree on lasting international financial reform, and that tackling big deficits is necessary to restore confi-

"We're obviously concerned about bumps in the road as we move forward with economic recovery from the crisis," Flaherty told reporters in London. "Issues like the situation in Greece are of concern."

We look forward to other developed nations in the world showing their plans to move out of deficit towards balanced budgets over time," he added.

Britain's budget deficit is expected to reach 12.8 per cent of gross domestic product in 2009-10, while the U.S. deficit hit 9.9 per cent of GDP last year.

Canada has one of the smaller deficits in the bloc 3.5 per cent of GDP.

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Parliament debates GE seeds

REGULATIONS Members of Parliament are debating a

private member's bill this week that its proponents say would fill a critical gap in regulations governing genetically engineered seeds.

The bill presented by NDP agriculture Atamanenko

critic Alex Atama-nenko would require an analysis of potential harm to export markets before sales of new genetically engineered seeds are allowed.

Canadian approvals are based on environmental

Harper meeting with sherpas

and health assessments, but Atama-nenko says they ignore potential effects on export markets.

Canada's flax industry was shut out of the European Union, which buys

70 per cent of Canadian flax and has a policy against genetically modified organisms, after traces were

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World

Jogger killed by plane

Wrong place, wrong time as aircraft crash-lands on beach

business in Hilton Head, South Carolina, was jogging on the beach and listening to his iPod when he was hit from behind and killed by a small plane making an emergency landing, officials said yesterday.

Robert Gary Jones, 38, of Georgia, died instantly Monday evening when he was hit by the single-engine plane, which had lost its propeller, said Beaufort County Coroner Ed Allen. The pilot's vision was blocked by oil on the wind-

The coroner said Jones apparently did not see or hear the plane, which was "basically gliding."

mother, Pauline Jones, said yesterday that he "I've got a lot of issues going on right now. I've got a plane that's all torn up. And I've got a young man that I killed."

Edward Smith, owner and pilot of the plane that hit man on a South Carolina beach

was in Hilton Head for work but was supposed to fly home to suburban Atlanta today for his daughter's third birthday.

Federal Aviation Administration records show the experimental Lancair IV-P plane that hit Robert Jones was registered to Edward I. Smith of Virginia.

Smith was on the beach with his plane yesterday and confirmed he was the

He said he did not want to talk about the crash and

offered few details.

"I've got a lot of issues going on right now. I've got a plane that's all torn up. And Î've got a young man that I killed," he said.

The plane started leaking oil at about 4,000 metres and tried originally to make it to Hilton Head Airport, said fire and rescue spokeswoman Joheida Fister.

The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board were investigating.

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Bloody, but not violent, protest

THAILAND Thai protesters seeking a change of government turned to shock tactics yesterday, pouring litres of their own blood into a glistening puddle at the gate of the prime minister's office. The dramatic gesture, repeated in front of the headquarters of Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiava's Democrat Party, grabbed attention but put the "Red Shirt" protest movement no closer to its goal of forcing new elections.

More than 100,000 demonstrators from all over the country gathered in Bangkok on Sunday, vowing to keep up their protest until victory. But Abhisit has rejected their demands to dissolve Parliament, saying only that he will listen to the protesters' point of view and leaving the situation in a stalemate.

Reporters asked one of



Protesters hold a bottle of donated blood before spilling it in front of Thailand's Government House yesterday in Bangkok.

the protest leaders what their next move would be, Veera Musikapong replied, "I want to know that myself."

Thousands of Red Shirts formed long lines yesterday morning to have their blood drawn by nurses, a day after their leaders vowed to collect at least 1,000 litres of blood to spill at Government House.

Anti-Israeli clashes break out in Jerusalem

MIDDLE EAST Hundreds of Palestinians in east Jerusalem set tires and garbage bins ablaze yesterday and hurled rocks at Israeli riot police, who responded with rubber bullets and tear gas. The heaviest clashes in months broke out as an American envoy abruptly cancelled a visit, a U.S.-Israeli deepening diplomatic feud. Angered

by plans for more Jewish in east Jerusalem.

housing in predom-inantly Arab east Jerusalem, Palestinians clashed with Israeli

forces through-out the day. The diplomatic dispute with the U.S. sparked by Israel's announcement last week of plans for 1,600 apartments

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Man finds apartment used for prostitution too hot to handle

A fire in an apartment used for transsexual prostitution forced a naked 33-year-old man onto a window ledge in Basel, the Swiss daily Blick reported. Firefighters put out the flames, but not before the man was photographed in all his glory against the modern building. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chile raises quake death toll to 700

CHILE The earthquake and tsunami that struck Chile last month killed 700 people and caused damages of nearly \$30 billion US, according to the government. And the ground hasn't stopped shaking. A magnitude-6.7 aftershock rocked south-central Chile Monday night, adding to the raw nerves and mounting damages caused by the Feb. 27 quake.

Chile's Interior Minister Rodrigo Hinzpeter updated the known death and damage toll yesterday, saying 200 people previously listed as missing would be added to the count of 500 previously known dead.

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Kidnapped boy freed

Kidnappers released a five-year-old British boy unharmed yesterday, almost two weeks after abducting him from his grandparents' house in central Pakistan, officials

A senior provincial official said a ransom was paid for the freedom of Sahil Saeed, but he did not identify who abducted the boy and received the money.

Saeed was found in a small village in Punjab province, where armed robbers seized him on March 4, Interior Minister Rehman Malik.

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Italy Shortest man dies



He Pingping, the world's shortest man (seen in this recent file photo with the world's tallest man, Sultan Kosen of Turkey), has died at the age of 21, after developing chest problems while filming a television program in Italy. Pingping, of China, was 74.6 centimetres tall.

Scandal baffles church leaders

CONFERENCE The Roman Catholic bishops in Pope Benedict XVI's native Bavaria sought yesterday to deal with a sexual abuse scandal whose ever-widening scope has left church leaders baffled.

"I would not have expected such a multitude of cases," Bavarian Bishop Ludwig Schick, who is hosting his colleagues' meeting at Vierzehnheiligen Germany, told Bayerischer Rundfunk Radio.

He said he was shaken and ashamed of what had taken place within the church.

In Bavaria alone, more than 100 former students of Catholic institutions have come forward with claims of physical or sexual abuse. Some of those cases involve the prestigious Regensburg Domspatzen boys' choir once led by the Pope's older brother, Rev. Georg Ratzinger.

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Feeling blue over the Planet Earth



hat's 12 feet tall and If over? you've seen the movie Avatar -– and who hasn't? - you'll know the answer to that question is the Na'vi, the incredibly cool, nearly naked aliens

with cornrows and braids who live on the incredibly beautiful planet cool. known as Pandora, all threatened by the techno-military-industrial (and little) bad guys from Earth, who lust for a metaphorical mineral called "unobtanium."

That's us, folks.

People have begun to notice a strange thing when they take off their 3-D glasses and re-enter the real world after a two-hour 40minute exposure to Pandora. This beautiful place, inhabited by intelligent (and really tall) beings who have a direct link to Aywa, a.k.a. Mother Nature, is so vividly drawn that the planet we actually live on, Earth, seems like a giant slum.

Moviegoers are pouring their hearts out on blogs and chat rooms, all mourning the loss of Eden, er Earth, wishing they were cool and connected like the Na'vi.

There's at least one group that's not lying around in a Pandora-induced coma. The Ancient Forest Alliance, based in Victoria, gets Avatar and understands its value in spawning a whole new gen-

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eration of Na'vi-loving environmentalists Not daunted by the anti-global warming backlash, the alliance has picked a likely forest near Port Renfrew and dubbed it "Avatar Grove."

Sounds so much better than Tree Farm Licence No.

46. We dare you, says the alliance, to clear-cut this little slice of Pandora on Earth. If I'm the Teal-Jones Group, which owns the li-cence, I'd send my PR department to the movie to take notes. Can you imagine Hollywood actresses in cornrows chained to trees, weeping for Avatar Grove? The Ancient Forest Alliance can.

It's entirely possible the Last Battle for the Planet Earth will be played out in Canada. After all, James Cameron, Avatar's creator, is Canadian; his art director studied the Athabasca oilsands project for its lurid images of environmental destruction.

And British Columbia is one of the last Pandora-like preserves on Earth. Its an-

cient forests (sounds better than old growth, no?) protect 1,600 species at risk and 60 per cent of the nation's evergreen trees.

Even the Port Renfrew Chamber of Commerce, once a bastion of hewers of wood, now believes the best bet for the future is to save Avatar Grove for the tourists. If you loved the movie, stay tuned for the sequel — it's coming soon to an ancient forest near vou.

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Word on the street: How do you like to celebrate St. Patrick's Day?

Phil Alba Visiting Ottawa

A: Green beer, good friends and a bottle of Advil for the next

April Carriere Ottawa

A: I like to dress up green and get drunk. That's pretty much it.

Colin Gillespie Ottawa

A: By not wearing green and getting drunk. I still get drunk, but refuse to

Emma Tuck Calgary

A: I went on a pub and green tights with a green fanny pack. It

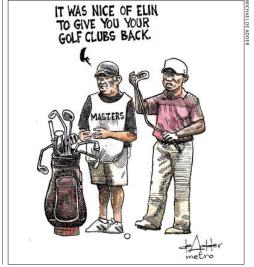
Michael Machan Edmonton

A: I like to get to-gether with friends and family and just go out and celebrate. Sit down,

Emily Jacob Vernon, B.C.

A: (I like to) drink. Usually I drink at a house party some-where. (I will drink) anything like vod-ka. I like to drink to drink





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Pacific Rim Mining deepens its loss

Pacific Rim Mining Corp. is searching for new projects after putting exploration projects in El Salvador on hold following the government revoking its mining permit, the company said yesterday after reporting deeper losses in the third quarter. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Final cost of Toyota recall could reach \$2B

A massive global recall, mounting legal bills and a battered reputation add up to a very expensive

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problem for Toyota. How expensive? Depends who you ask.

With new developments emerging almost daily, predicting a final pricetag for the Japanese automaker is a daunting calculation that only some analysts have attempted.

The sole figure from Toyota itself came on Feb. 4 along with the company's October-December ings results.

It estimated that the worldwide recall, now involving some 8.5 million cars, could cost up to 180 billion yen (\$2.02 billion), with 100 billion yen for repairs and 80 billion yen in lost sales. It said the recalls may dent global demand for Toyota models 100,000 vehicles.

Big price

• About 270,000 cars were recalled in Canada over the sticky brake pedal prob-lems. At least 89 class-aclawsuits have been filed against the Japanese automaker, which could cost the company \$3 billion

Analysts with their own estimates say the total is bound to climb higher.

JP Morgan's Kohei Takahashi expects Toyota to take a one-time 500 billion yen (\$5.6 billion) hit, including recall-related costs and litigation settlements. He has lowered his estimate for operating profit next fiscal year starting April to 540 billion yen (\$6 billion) from 760 billion yen, as higher profit margins in emerging markets soften the blow of recall ex-

Deutsche Securities estimates a 290 billion yen (\$3.2 billion) impact to earnings in the coming fiscal year, though analyst Kurt Sanger acknowledges that any attempt to quantify the impact involves an almost certain degree of er-

"We expect Toyota to respond aggressively to win back much of its lost mar-ket share, but it will come at a cost," he said in a recent report.

Usually stingy with incentives, Toyota announced new deals recently to bring shoppers back into its showrooms in the U.S., a key market and the eye of the current storm. Existing Toyota owners who buy another vehicle from the company will receive two years of free maintenance. The automaker also is offering zero per cent financing and low-priced leases to customers who buy or lease several of the recalled



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States because of acceleration problems and braking flaws. Regulators have linked 52 deaths to crashes allegedly caused by accelera-

tor problems, and the recalls were the subject of three recent congressional The bad publicity will

likely send Toyota's market share in the U.S. to about 13 per cent in the January-March quarter from 17 per cent before the re-

calls began, according to Macquarie Securities.

Analyst Clive Wiggins esti esti-that market share next year will drop 1.2 percentage points from its

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forecast of 17.9 per cent, translating to an implied 144,900 fewer cars sold and \$3.3 billion in lost sales. Toyota president Akio Toyoda apologized to customers about trouble caused by the recalls on his blog late Monday for the first time since the quality problems also hit Japan in February.

Toyota still expects to post a net profit of 80 billion yen (\$899 million) in the next fiscal year.

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MDS to focus on cost-cutting and nuclear medicine division

ISOTOPES Nuclear medicine company MDS Inc. has completed its strategic repositioning and will now focus on cost-cutting and improving its disrupted medical isotope business.

Ottawa-based MDS announced in September that it would sell off most of its business units to focus on its Nordion nuclear medicine division, which sells radioactive isotopes used in medical imaging and sterilization.

Steve West, who stepped in as chief executive in January, said yesterday that the company closed the sale of the last of its non-core assets in early March.

MDS shareholders recently approved a motion to change the company's name to Nordion Inc., to reflect its new focus and MDS

is working to implement the changes. West said the

company will focus this year on completing the transition. THE **CANADIAN PRESS**

Pedal complaints prompt Honda recall

VEHICLES Honda is recalling hundreds of thousands of vehicles in Canada and the

United States after some of the Japanese maker's tomers complained about the feel of brake pedals.

Although the

issue has no connection to similar problems with Toyota vehicles, Honda admits there is a heightened sensitivity in the industry to consumer complaints because of the public beating Toyota has been taking, particularly in the United States, over safety concerns with its vehicles.

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China Shanghai gets new transport hub



A passenger goes through a security check at Hongqiao Airport's new second terminal that opened yesterday in Shanghai, China. The massive terminal and transport hub hopes to help the city handle the 70 million or more visitors it expects to attend the upcoming World Expo.

WestJet to continue pursuit of international markets: New CEO

AIRLINE WestJet Airlines Ltd. will continue to press into international markets through deals with other carriers, the company's new incoming chief executive said yesterday.

The Calgary-based discount airline already has plans to roll out code-share deals with Air France, the Netherlands' KLM and Texas-based Southwest Airlines

Building on that, WestJet wants to see traffic from Asia, South America and elsewhere in Europe come to Canada on its network. Gregg Saretsky told a news conference, a day after the surprising resignation of Sean Durfy as president and CEO, effective April 1.

Durfy

 WestJet announced late Monday that Durfy, 43, would step down for personal reasons.

Gesturing to a model of the small Boeing 737 planes WestJet currently has in its fleet, Saretsky said: "I don't think you'll see this aircraft flying across the Pacific anytime soon. So code-share arrangements — which allow passengers to seamlessly travel from one airline's network to another - are the only way to achieve that international growth. THE CANADIAN PRESS

England midfielder James Milner scored to give Aston Villa a 2-1 win over Wigan and increase his team's chances of finishing in the English Premier League top four. Villa stayed in seventh place but victory kept it within three points of Tottenham, which occupies the last Champions League spot, with a game in hand. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Campbell out 7-8 weeks
Chicago Blackhawks defenceman Brian Campbell, left, is expected to miss sevfrom behind by Alex Ovechkin. Dr. Michael Terry, the head team physician for surgery and is expected to make a full recovery. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Slump still going

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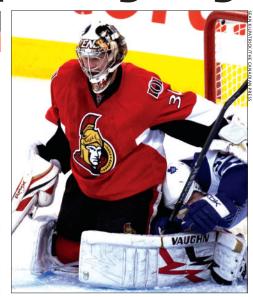


John Mitchell and Mikhail Grabovski scored 19 seconds apart early in the second period, and Jonas Gustavsson made 30 saves as the Toronto Maple Leafs beat the Ottawa Senators 4-1 last night.

Phil Kessel gave the Maple Leafs a 1-0 lead midway through the first before Toronto broke the game open with two quick goals against Senators netminder Brian Elliott.

Mitchell scored on a nice individual rush and Grabovski added another from the slot after some good work in the corner by Luca Caputi and Viktor Stalberg, an indication of the effort the Leafs put in on a night the slumping Sena-tors were hoping to get their game going.

Although an anticipated fifth fight of the season between Toronto heavyweight Colton Orr and Ottawa counterpart Matt Carkner never materialized, there



Ottawa Senators goalie Brian Elliott shoves the face of Toronto Maple Leaf Luca Caputi into his pads last night

was still plenty of action and emotion.

Rickard Wallin added a goal into an empty net for the Leafs (24-34-12), who won for the fourth time in five games and beat the Senators for the fourth straight outing to take the

season series 4-2.

Grabovski's goal extended his point-scoring streak to five games.

Defenceman Andy Sutton, acquired from the New York Islanders March 2, scored his first for Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Woods says he will return for Masters

GOLF For Tiger Woods, this figures to be a Masters like no other.

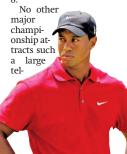
Woods said yesterday that he will end more than four months of seclusion and play at Augusta National in three weeks, shielded by the most secure environment in golf as he competes for the first time since a sex scandal shattered his im-

"The Masters is where I won my first major and I view this tournament with great respect," Woods said in a statement. "After a long and neces-

Tiger Woods

sary time away from the game, I feel like I'm ready to start my season at Augus-

The Masters begins April



evision audience, and that's under normal stances

Already the most popular figure in golf with his 82 worldwide victories and 14 majors — four of them at the Masters — Woods returns as a disgraced star who will be under the greatest scrutiny of his career.

"We're all looking forward to having him back. We want him playing," Jim Furyk said. "I'm sure we're also looking forward to everything being business as usual. And it's going to take awhile. We know that'

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Sports in brief

PARALYMPICS After losing for the first time in Monday's evening draw, Canada's wheelchair curling team got back to winning ways yesterday by thrashing Switzerland 15-1. SOCCER Jose Mourinho

engineered a 1-0 win for Inter Milan on his return to Chelsea yesterday, leading the Italian club to the Champions League quarter-finals for the first time in four years.

BASKETBALL Allen Smith scored 14 points last night, including a pair of three-pointers during the Arkansas-Pine Bluff Golden Lions' second-half surge to a 61-44 victory over Winthrop in the NCAA tournament's opening game. METRO NEWS SERVICES





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13. Grant Greenfield	AB, CA	949	418	529	947	
14. Calvin Lewis	NS, CA	982	387	558	945	
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Ford building new cop car

Ford has revealed its all-new, purpose-built Police Interceptor sedan, showcasing a car for law enforcement that will exceed the durability, safety, performance and fuel economy of the Ford Crown Victoria. The Ontario-built Crown Victoria Police Interceptor will finish production in 2011. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Volt charges ahead

GM delivers on electric car promise

JIL MCINTOSH for Metro Canada

While there's still more than a year to go before its scheduled launch, Chevrolet's Volt is getting closer. From a concept unveiled in early 2007, it's now a model that starts, stops and drives – and I got the chance to do that in Vancouver.

I went less than 20 kilometres at low speeds, but notably, it was what automakers call an "integra-tion vehicle," the first time the technology and design have come together. This isn't exactly what will go on sale, but final changes will probably be minor.

While it has a gasoline en-

2011 **Chevrolet Volt**

Type: Extended-range electric sedan Price: NA Engine: Battery/1.4L gasoline

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- Drives like a normal sedan:
- no learning curve Sport button adds turbo-like boost

gine, electric motor and lithium-ion battery, Volt isn't a hybrid.

Rather, it's an extended-range vehicle that always uses electricity to power the wheels. After it's recharged by plugging into a wall outlet, it travels about 64 km.

Once the battery runs down, a 1.4-litre gasoline engine starts up and acts like a generator to supply more electricity.

That's a major difference from an all-electric car, which won't travel any further once its battery is depleted.

Volt was designed to the 64-km threshold because, as GM says, 75 per cent of Canadians drive less than that each day. In theory, many Volt owners will never burn any gasoline, other than the occasional start-up programmed into the engine to keep its fluids flowing.

Driving it is unremarkable, and I mean that as a compliment.



While the Chevy Volt has a gasoline engine, electric motor and lithium-ion battery. Volt isn't a hybrid. Rather, it's an extended-range vehicle that always uses electricity to power the wheels.

It doesn't feel much different than a conventional car, which should appeal to many buyers: No learning curve, no unusual requirements, and nothing unfamiliar. Press a button, put the shifter into drive, and put your foot on the accelerator pedal.

It feels peppy, and has a "Sport" button that adds a

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Smartphone way to buy used



wise sage once opinea 'Knowledge is " This opined Power." prompted another sage to suggest that such power is best used to make other people feel stupid. True enough.

But perhaps you're in the market for a used car. In that case, you're probably more interested in obtaining knowledge, to transform yourself into a powerful super hero, one able to leap into a great used vehicle, at a really great price, all in a single bound.

We now have a new Canadian company, vehiclegateway.com, to help us bulk up on used-vehicle expertise and muscle - and through our cellphones no

But company spokesperson, Peter Davies, told me not to think of it as an app.
"In my opinion it's supe-

rior to an app," said Davies. "It requires no downloading. All you have to do is go to vehiclegateway.com on your Blackberry, iPhone, or any phone with browser capability, and you are presented with a 'mobile' version of the site."

Vehiclegateway.com is similar to sites like Auto-Trader and Autonet, which offer lots of vehicles for sale, from both dealers and private sellvehiclegate-But

applies to purchase finance offers on new 2010 mazua fituuers and application of influence. Some of the propose only. Offers have no cash value and cannot be transferred, assigned or Mazua for details and other specials including Grad Program. Offers end March 31, 2010.

way.com will differentiate itself from the parameter Davies, by the the pack, says first to combine several crucial elements, such as: cellphone accessibility; listings for private sellan increased level of information on each specific vehicle; a special section devoted to vehicles that fall under the automakers' certified programs; and the first used Canadian used-vehicle site to offer a link to

model of the vehicle into obtain vehicle history vehiclegateway.com, and asking it to reports from CARgenerate an The cellphone "average access will purportedly price' for all such vehicles currently listed there. It's up to you then, whether you shove the cell-

> papers. While sites like Kijiji Craigslist also of-

phone screen in-

to the seller's

face, or sign the

help your negotiating posi-

tion. Davies tells me to pic-

ture myself on a used car

lot, contemplating a nice

shiny ride. How do I know

if the price is fair? By

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Vehiclegateway.com offers a mobile website that allows users to browse through preowned cars on the go.

fer free listings for private sellers, Davies notes they are not geared specifically for automotive buyers, and both have their share of unscrupulous sellers.

"People are scared of buying a lemon," adds Davies. He hopes his site "will help remove some of the apprehension associated with buying used."

It will do that, according to Davies, by asking sellers to fill out a detailed vehicle questionnaire on each vehicle listed.

While sellers are still on the honour system. Davies believes it should weed out sellers who are prone to hyperbole, and allow buyers to narrow their search.

Another apprehension squasher will be the CAR-FAX vehicle history reports (available for an extra fee).

Like CarProof.com, it can reveal how many times the vehicle has changed hands and when, where it's been licensed, and if it has incurred any insurance claims for accident dam-

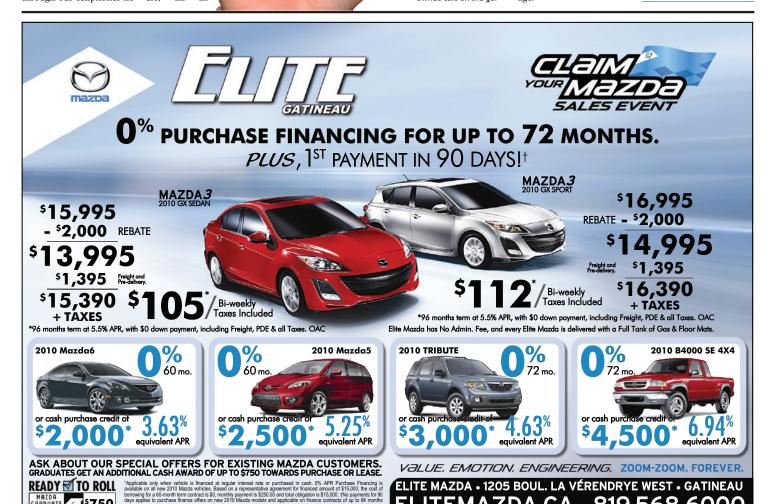
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"How do I know if the price is fair? By punching the year and model of the vehicle into vehiclegateway.com, and asking it to generate an "average price" for all such vehicles currently listed there. "

this information technology is wonderful, but I would still caution that buyers get a trust-worthy mechanic to get all touchy-feely with any used vehicle they're ready to pounce on.

Any used vehicle will need work. The extent of work needed is what you want to establish - it's your super-human right to

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for over 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.



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Former St. Clair student claims college did little to stop bullying

A former student at St. Clair College's Thames campus in Chatham has filed a human rights complaint against the college over alleged bullying. The student, who dropped out before last Christmas, says she feels the college did not do enough to stop the harassment she claims she was subjected to. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Student suing over expulsion

According to the Montreal Gazette, a Concordia University engineering student has gone to court to overturn the university's decision to expel him for allegedly forging a professor's signature to sign out a piece of equipment for a class project. The student has asked the Quebec Superior Court for a safeguard order to temporarily halt the expulsion in order for him to complete his courses and graduate.

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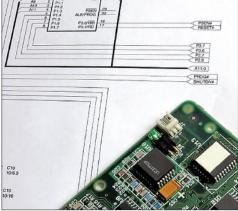
Metro Workology is focusing on careers and education in the engineering sector for the month of March to celebrate National Engineering Month. Check back every Wednesday.

JON TATTRIE for Metro Canada



From the pyramids of Egypt to Parliament Hill in Ottawa, the history of engineering tells the history of humanity.

Marie Carter, Engineers Canada's chief operating officer, said engineering only became a modern profession in the last century. It was born out of disaster. when a bridge built to cross the Saint Lawrence River collapsed in 1907. An engineering mistake was to blame and it cost the lives of 75 people. An incident in



Engineering has changed a lot over the years, from the pyramids, to steam locomotive, to computer engineering

1916 claimed more lives.

"The Canadian Society of Civil Engineers determined, 'We need to do something about this,'" Carter said from her Ottawa office. "We need to have some checks and balances on who does engineering. They need to be properly trained."

Throughout the 1920s, engineering became in-creasingly regulated and the tradition of the Iron Ring was born. Originally built from the ruins of the Quebec bridge and now fashioned from stainless steel, each Canadian engineering student is presented a ring in a somber ceremony accompanying graduation.

Carter said scientific "trial and error" steadily improved the building blocks engineers use to build our world ever since.

"Just about everything that you see, do, touch, have as recreation, live with, use to eat, even the food, has got engineering involved in it," she said. "Engineers do touch just about every aspect of the way we live

Allan Marble has seen the discipline transformed in his 50-plus years as an engineer, but it's not hard for the professor emeritus at Halifax's Dalhousie University to sum up what changed: The computer.

When Marble attended Dalhousie in the 1950s, it was a computer-free land. He vividly remembers the first time he saw a computer in 1962. It was primordial and clunky, but it revolutionized engineering.

In today's wired world, it seems hard to imagine slide

rulers doing the job of computers, and that's because they didn't.

"Ît's an amazing change, really," Marble said over the phone from his Halifax home, adding that it's especially transformed electri-

cal engineering.
"You're trying to analyze signals coming from various sources," he explains. "To do that before the computer, you had to do it by hand."

Now, a computer can work in real time at speeds well beyond human ability.

Computers made it possible for engineers to develop life-saving CT scanners and MRIs. "The amount of calculations done to get a CT image or an MRI image is just mind-boggling. things could never be done before the computer," he

Career colleges offer fast-track experience

KEITH CARMAN



Focused on ensuring students receive a valuable theoretical understanding of their preferred field as well as applicable experience, Canada's career colleges offer various employment specialization bolstered by insight into to the latest practices within.

Much of this expertise come di-rectly from instructors and Tamara Stock at London's Medix School is one Tamara Stock of those. De-



livering acute knowledge via a Masters Of Science in Clinical Anatomy, the massage therapy instructor is too humble to admit her own value. "I'm not sure that I approach teaching differently from other college teachers but I know that I absolutely love to teach ... I measure my success based on my students' success.'

Taking his own means via

hands-on dealings with undergrads, Peterboroughborn Kalman Szegvary blends business lifelong



pleasure his role as Head of Film and Television Department at the Toronto campus of media-based education foundation the Trebas Institute. Hands-on and keen to assist, Szegvary's educational role regularly extends beyond the typical four walls of the classroom.

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The Dragons return to their lair

Season finale of the Den takes an intimate look at where the dragons came from



hat does it take to climb the corporate ladder

right to the top? Wouldn't you love to know how to make the move from working stiff, to fabulously wealthy mogul?

That is the subject of The Road to Riches, the season finale of Dragons' Den tonight. The program tells the life stories of all five Dragons, none of whom were born into money, but who all found a way to parlay their abilities into huge business

success.

There are a lot of revelations in the show: Who knew Kevin O'Leary looked like such a bad boy teenager, with long hair and a haze of smoke around him in every shot! Brett Wilson is unbelievably open, sharing deeply personal stories. There's an emotional scene where it's clear Robert Herjavec's heart is still aching over his mother's death.

We also get to visit with Arlene Dickinson and her four children at her sunny, southern getaway, and meet the partner who helped Jim Treliving along his journey from RCMP officer to savvy businessman.

What struck me most though is how hard every one of them worked. Consider Jim's experience at his first Boston Pizza franchise.

"I cooked, I did the prep

"I'm no more special, I'm no better. I started out where we can all start. And if I was able to do it in a great country like Canada, then anyone can."

Robert Herjavec

in the morning, did all the stuff to get ready for opening," he says. "And then I cut pizza. After we closed at three in the morning I'd scrub the floor." He says he didn't have a day off for two-anda-half years!

No wonder he enjoys his condo in Vancouver so much, along with the many trips he takes by private jet, to events like the Masters Tournament!

Robert too, was a hard worker, first as a waiter and then later as a highly ambitious salesman. "People always tell you it's about who you know, it's about your connections," he says. "And granted, if you have that, it's easier. But it's also a load of crap. All it means is that you just gotta work harder."

Herjavec encourages everyone to try. "I'm no more special, I'm no better. I started out where we can all start. And if I was able to do it in a great country like Canada, then anyone can."

But there's more to it all than money, of course. Brett shares what he told his son. "I really want you to think about success as happiness. And if your needs are many, you may never be happy. But if your needs are few and easily met, you might always be happy."





The Dragons in the past. Top: Robert Herjavec visits his hometown in Croatia and Kevin O'Leary in his youth.

Dianne Buckner is the weekend anchor on CBC News Network and host of Dragons' Den. The season finale airs tonight at 8 p.m. on CBC Televi sion. Auditions for next season are underway. Check cbc.ca/dragonsden for details.





The Dragons in the past. Clockwise from top: Arlene Dickinson with her daughter Carley, Dragon Jim Treliving in his RCMP uniform and W. Brett Wilson at his high school graduation.



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More American institutions are introducing three-year bachelor's degrees in order to reduce college costs and better serve students, reports Inside Higher Ed. Within the last month, five institutions — two in partnership — have all introduced formal three-year programs to begin this fall. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Find beauty in people and food

MAT LECOMPTE for Metro Canada

Here's a quick crash course in two top specialty colleges that can pave the way to a successful ca-

Fiorio Beauty Academy Located in Toronto, the Fiorio Beauty Academy allows students to learn directly from hairstylist icon Maurice Fiorio.

Because class sizes are capped at 20, students are able to take advantage of one-on-one training with instructors. This personalized system is of the utmost importance to the Academy's goals, explains Abigail St. Pierre, the events and marketing coordinator.

"We're investing in the students," she says. "That's why we want to take our time with them. We train them in hopes to hire them afterwards."

And hire them they do. Many of the graduates roughly 80-85 per cent says



Most Fiorio Salon workers across Canada are trained at the Fiorio Beauty Academy.

St. Pierre — end up working at a Fiorio salon (which have been voted the best Salons in Canada by Fashion Magazine for 2010).

The program blends classroom time with in-sa-

lon experience at the Academy's location. In fact, because of the name and skill level of students, even the Academy has loyal customers who keep coming back. The quality is high,

and the expectations are

higher.
"We don't want you going out there and working in some corner salon charging \$12 for a haircut," says instructor Robert

"Before you become a star chef you have to have the right tools and know how to use them correctly."

Chef Philippe Guiet, of Le Cordon Bleu

"Our students charge \$27 and are expected to be charging more as a graduate.'

For more information on the Fiorio Beauty Academy and the programs they of-fer, check them out online at fiorio.com or call 416-968-9996.

Le Cordon Bleu Culinary **Arts Institute**

Located in Ottawa, this college offers a 100-year tradition in French cuisine. The Grande Diplome' Professionel program is a 10month course that takes students from basic skills such as knife selection, preparing and selecting the right foods, to advanced skills like preparing their own dishes.

"Before you become a

star chef you have to have the right tools and know how to use them correct-

ly," says Chef Philippe Guiet, of Le Cordon Bleu. As the creator of the

course curriculum, Guiet conducts a balancing act to teach students age-old cooking traditions with new, modern and evolving cuisine. He says by teaching the French chef's philosophy, students acquire an understanding and knowledge that they can apply to any form of cui-

The program includes an internship program where students work in a fine restaurant and are acclimated to the pressures of working in the challenging

"We prepare them to work," says Guiet. For more information on

programs offered Cordon visit them online at lcbottawa.com/home/en.

Profiles





As the population ages and the need for long-term care continues to grow, so does the need for personal care workers (PSWs). The Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has made a \$107 million commitment to add 873 PSW positions to the health care community*, and Everest College of Business, Technology and

Healthcare responds with the offering of their Personal Support Worker diploma program. During the six-month long Personal Support Worker program, students will gain the required personal and occupational skills needed to care for people affected by aging, disability or illness. Basic skills include responding to the emotional and physical needs of the patients, promoting physical and mental activation, observing and communicating with patients, handling specialized equipment, and providing personal and physical care.

Personal Support Workers (PSWs) may seek career opportunities in settings such as long-term care facilities; home health care agencies, retirement homes/residences; hospices; group homes; adult and child daycare centres for the cognitively and physically impaired.

*2009-2010 annual report for the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

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Career colleges like Medix Schools and Herzing College provide students with hands-on knowledge to pursue the career of their choice. The education process is expedited by eliminating electives and providing the students on-ly with the skills they'll on the job.

Susan Waite-Price, community service worker instructor at Medix School in Toronto, savs students benefit from small class sizes and the family atmosphere offered by the school. With opportunity for one-on-one instruction, students can receive the guidance they need to prepare themselves for 500 hours of field work, followed by a career in a growing indus-

"It's interesting the program is nine months," says Waite-Price, "because when I send them off I feel like I've given birth!"

But don't let the family atmosphere fool you this program isn't for the

"You won't walk into a hospital or pharmacy in Ottawa without seeing Herzing grads." Dave McCormick

vice-president of Herzing College

weak-hearted. Community-service workers work with clients facing extreme circumstances like abuse, depression, homelessness and a number of other difficult issues.

"I'm going to shock you and trigger you," she says, "because the place for you to break down is in the classroom, not out in the field."

Some skills good community workers possess are their ability to display understanding, empathy, warmth and respect towards clients, Waite-Price says. Excellent listening skills are of the utmost importance.

"You must listen to the words," she says, "but also what's not being said"; referring to body language.

In Ottawa, Herzing College offers a one-year pharmacy technician program. The program is one of only a handful that's accredited by the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs.

It includes an eight-week field placement where students can work in hospital or community pharmacies.

One of the main differences between a pharmacy technician and a pharmacy assistant, explains Dave McCormick, vice-president of Herzing College, Ottawa, is the technician's training in administering IV pharmaceuticals in a

hospital setting.
With a 94-per-cent employment rate upon graduation, it's an attractive program for those interested.

'You won't walk into a hospital or pharmacy in Ottawa without seeing Herzing grads," he says. "(at Herzing) you get the practical, hands-on skills for the job."

Unfortunately, Waite-Price, the need for community service workers is also high, especially in economic crisis.

"It's too bad that's the case," she says, "but we have the job of helping people help themselves.

Profiles of Trillium College

Carlos R

Carlos came to Trillium College in 2008 after working several years in retail. He always enjoyed working with people, and was a person who his friends and family went too when life had it's challenges. He met with one of the Trillium Colleges Registrars and they determined that a career in Community and Social Services was the best fit. He enrolled in the 45 week College Diploma program and graduated later that year, with honours. He did his 8 week placement at a Mental Health facility and did well, and they offered him a full time position after he finished his placement. He has worked there for a year now and enjoy working with



members of the community who value his work and help. "Trillium College provided me with the training and tools to be a successful CSSW...."

Lisa B

Lisa enrolled in the Medical Office Administration program in 2009. She always worked in customer service and was hoping to find a career with more regular work and hours. She graduated with her Diploma in Medical Office Administration with honours. She obtained a career with a Chiropractic Office in her community. It is a small family business and she is very happy. "Trillium College gave me the skills and confidence to reenter the professional workforce...the instructors were so supportive and knowledgeable" says Lisa.



Tina K

Tina came to Trillium College in 2009 to pursue her dream of working in a Dental Office as an Intra Oral Dental Assistant. She toured the school and liked the small classes and thought that would be best for her, as she had been out of school for several years. She had a young family and the regular schedule and taking one module at a time with regular evaluation, suited her best."...I also appreciated the fact that I had my diploma in 50 weeks..." says Tina. Tina was employed by a Dental Office near her home and has a flexible schedule that fits her family needs. She enjoys her work, and feels like she is helping her community.



Karla T

Karla always enjoyed working with numbers and decided that she was best suited to Accounting and Payroll. She enrolled in the Accounting and Payroll diploma program at Trillium College in 2008. She appreciated the small classes and individual instruction. She was hired by a small firm right after graduation and has since leveraged that experience and education to a Accounts Payable position with a larger company. Karla says "... the instructors went thru the Accounting and Microsoft programs and explained how we would be using them in the office environment....also learned the skills to go into business for ourselves...."



Trillium College is a registered Private Career College that has 8 campuses across Ontario (Ottawa, Oshawa, Kingston, Peterborough, Richmond Hill, Toronto, Burlington and St. Catharines) offering College Diploma courses in Health, Business and Social disciplines. Call us at 888 982 0575 for more information about our classes and to book a tour at any of our campuses.

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Carefully consider contracts

Since employers regularly draft these contracts in their favour, employees should consider what they are agreeing to or whether to have a contract at all. DANIEL LUBLIN/FOR METRO CANADA

Without a contract you might get...

• Without an employment contract, the law will imply a number of employee-friendly

terms including the right to termination only with reasonable notice and the right to ensure that fundamental terms, such as salary and position are not unilaterally changed.

TOURETTE SYNDROME... MORE THAN JUST A TIC

Tourette Syndrome (TS) is a neurological condition which affects 1 in 100 Canadians. TS is generally characterized by someone who has tics. There are different types of tics including eye blinking, coughing, hand flapping, head jerking, facial grimacing, knuckle cracking, biting mouth/lip, throat clearing, grunts, saying phrases such as "oh boy", stuttering, and complex breathing patterns. To complicate matters, most individuals struggle to live with the conditions closely linked to TS including Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Anxiety, Depression, Sleep Disorders, to name a few.

Although there is no cure for TS, with your financial support the Ottawa Chapter of the Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada can continue to help those affected in the Ottawa region reach their goals and lead productive lives. Please help us help those in need.



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t's possibly the biggest mistake an employee can make: Requesting a written employment contract or worse, agreeing to one without understanding its terms.

derstanding its terms.

How do these contracts affect employees?

When Morris Wernicke agreed to join Altrom Canada Group in 1997, he also agreed to a written employment contract. Wernicke, a chartered accountant, carefully read the contract and even sought the advice of his lawyer before agreeing to its terms.

The contract contained a clause that would permit Altrom to terminate Wernike with the greater of 30 days' notice or the minimum amount he was supposed to



Having a contract can sometimes be worse than not having one.

receive under provincial legislation and a clause that the contract would continue to apply even if Wernike's job later changed.

A few years later, Wernike was promoted from controller to chief financial officer and given additional responsibilities, including oversight of human resources matters.

When Wernike's position was eliminated in 2009, he was offered six months' severance. However, after 12 years of employment in a very senior role, Wernike thought that he was enti-

tled to much more.

At a recent trial in British Columbia, the company defended the case by arguing that Wernike's original employment contract for the controller's position applied when he was terminated from a more senior role almost 12 years later. The court agreed. Although the contract significantly limited Wernike's entitlement to severance, the court was not prepared to set it aside.

Daniel A. Lublin is an employment lawyer with Whitten & Lublin LLP. Reach him at dan@toronto-employmentlawyer.com.

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Victoria Falls takes you to the edge

Flying over Africa in a flimsy microlight plane will thrill even the hardened adrenalin junkie

NICK BOULOS Metro World News

There are many ways to experience Africa's mighty Victoria Falls, which sit between Zimbabwe and Zambia but a microlight flight is undoubtedly the

most thrilling.
As a result these flimsy aircraft circle the falls like vultures over a kill.

The jubilant faces returning from the air did nothing to calm my nerves as I climbed into the muddle of wing and wire and pulled my seatbelt tightly. It was, after all, the only thing stopping me from plummeting 1,000 feet.

There's no hiding from the elements in a microlight. With no doors, windows or even a windscreen and only a handrail to grip, it's just you, the wind and the scenery.

The bright blue hang gliding wings reached out above me while the small engine behind hummed away.

"Ready?" asked my pilot Pascal as he turned around to face me.

As I considered my response, the wheels started rolling.

The microlight rumbled down the short muddy runway and we were airborne.

Heart racing, I stole an immediate glance beyond where my feet now dangled freely. Huge clusters of acacia trees blurred into the forest green

landscape and a lone giraffe grazed as we circled to gain altitude.

Drift into the fall's mist Soon we hundreds of feet over the murky

Zambezi River as it flowed towards the waterfalls where a million litres of water plunge over the 103m drop every second spewing spray high into the air.

The 1.7km wide falls known locally as Mosi-oa-Tunya (The Smoke That Thunders) - were discovered in 1855 by Scottish explorer David Livingstone, who named them after the



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Now at our maximum altitude Pascal banked the microlight sharply for one more loop. We glided straight into the plume of spray directly above the

Grevness closed in at every angle and fine droplets settled on my visor. I thanked the

good lord it wasn't me who was piloting our craft because I had completely lost visibility. As the mist cleared and we turned back I caught one last glimpse of the majestic falls. From a far they look huge. From up close they are positively

The ride was over before it began. Pascal landed the microlight with a bump and tug of the handlebar. A smile spread across my face as we rolled down runway as the next passenger waited nervously.



Microlight flights over the falls are available for \$150.

Adrenalin junkie?



knuckle activities at Victoria

A white water ride: Whether it's one or several days spent tackling the terrifying Grade 5+ rapids of the Zambezi, one of the world's most challenging white water rivers, this will easily satisfy a thirst for adventure. Trips are sometimes suspended between March and May when water levels are too high. Hold on tight.

3. 2. 1 ... Bungee!: Plummet towards the Zambezi by throwing yourself off the 111m high Victoria Falls Bridge, which was built in 1905 and links Zambia to Zimbabwe. Choose between a solo jump, tandem bungee or the Bridge Swing or do all three for the knockdown price of \$50.

3 Take a dip: Enjoy the most memorable swim of your life at the very edge of the falls. Visit Livingstone Island between September and December and the low water level make it possible to splash around in Devil's Pool, just inches from the perilous drop. Vertigo sufferers need not apply.



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Setting sliding records

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Tofukuji Temple embodies traditional Kyoto culture.

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Tradition runs deep in Kyoto

Buddha paintings, sand gardens, Geishas make history come alive

DANIELLE DEMETRIOU Metro World News



Kyoto is a city with 100 per cent Japanese stamped right across it.

If you're are looking for an authentic experience, look no further than this gem.

WHERE TO WAKE UP 9H

Two words: Capsule and cool. It may not sound like the height of glamour, but the capsule hotel much loved by snoring salarymen has undergone a hip design makeover in Kyoto. 9H recently opened 125 small but perfectly formed minimalist capsules, complete with showers, locker room and a lounge.

(9hours.jp) WHERE TO SPEND THE MORNING Tofukuji Temple

Zen and the art of temple appreciation is the order of the day. Forget city life and pass through the historic tiered gates of Tofukuji Temple for a spot of meditative contemplation



Spend a night in Kyoto looking for elusive Geishas.

of the epic Buddha paintings, the raked sand gardens and its famous autumn maple trees. (tofukuji.jp/english.html)

WHERE TO SPEND THE AFTERNOON **Kvoto Art Center**

It's not all about the past in Kvoto. For a taste of the city's 21st century creative scene, pop into Kyoto Arts Centre, an edgy contemporary art space with regular exhibitions of young Asian artists and a café housed in a former school.

(kac.or.jp) HOW TO SPEND THE NIGHT

Geisha spotting

Head to the atmospheric narrow cobbled lanes of Pontocho and look out for

the delicate clip of a wooden sandal and a flash of silk kimono beneath the lanterns.

Given that they are often more elusive than a leopard in the bush, fill in the (lengthy) gaps by sipping sake nightcaps at any one of the tiny bars and teahouses that line the street



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An intact baby woolly mammoth is to go on display for the first time in the United States at The Field Museum. fieldmuseum.org. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Jump off at Jodhpur

Rural town a good place to start trip in India

AHARON ROTHSCHILD Metro World News

Jodhpur is in the center of Rajasthan, a rural mountainous desert state located in the Northeast of India.

Easy to reach, tourist friendly, and with a range of decent to good hotels, Jodhpur is the perfect jumping off point to the rest of Rajasthan.

Mehrangarh Fort

Explore Period Rooms and an Armory with ancient inlaid sword in the fort's world-class museum before heading out to the battlements overlooking the city. A spill of old square houses whitewashed a faded blue abuts the sheer cliff, above which stands the tall orange grey walls of the Mehrangarh Fort. This is Jodhpur, a city that is a thing of searing beauty.

HEAR

Rajasthani folk music

Rajasthani folk songs performed daily at the



Jodhpur has maintained its cultural uniqueness as Western ways have crept into the rest of India

Fort, or come for a five day Raiasthan International Folk Festival with over 150 local and international performing artists. It starts Oct. 21.

(jodhpurfolkfestival.org) EAT

Kachouri

Kachouri are small deep fried dumplings with a spicy bean filling, served with a side of sweet and tangy chutney.

With the arid environ-

ment here, the local ethnic cuisine uses little water. substituting Milk and Ghee (clarified butter) making for some thick eating.

DRINK

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Ryan Phillippe is in talks to play Captain America. The star confirmed he is to audition for the lead role in forthcoming superhero movie The First Avenger: Captain America and is hoping to land the role of the crime fighter and his alter ego Steve Rogers. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK



Star Search

deal to help ABC launch a new version of Star Search, the classic TV

Run for the money Mourners remember teen star Corev Haim

Aniston and Butler hook up in The Bounty Hunter

RICHARD CROUSE for Metro Canada

In The Bounty Hunter, Jennifer Aniston and Gerard Butler work on the borders of their comfort zones. Butler is the titular character, a former cop so down on his luck he takes a gig tracking down his exwife (and alleged real-life girlfriend) Aniston, for a payday of \$5,000. I felt this was a differ-

ent role for her," says But-ler of his co-star. "She is the Oueen of Comedy and done a lot of romantic comedies, but this doesn't feel like a The Bounty romantic comedy. It feels like an action driven comedy. She was playing a much bitchier, hard edged character than I think anyone has ever seen her do before and for me

that is exciting.' Aniston, best known as Rachel from Friends, or Brad Pitt's ex wife, depending on your appetite for the tabloids, says she was attracted to the role because "it wasn't your traditional run of the mill girl meets guy, guy meets girl." "It is an action comedy

Hunter opens a road this Friday movie with a little romance in

there and a little suspense," she said recently in a sit-down with Metro in New York City.

She was, however, taken by surprise by the physical demands of the produc-tion. Doing stunts in four inch heels isn't as easy as it

"Your adrenaline is going and you're not really feeling it at the moment and then I'd get home and

notice a bruise here and a callous here," said Aniston, who adds she would consider other action roles in future. "Then there were the handcuffs. Try wearing those, attached to a car door for three days. Not fiin '

Gerard Butler and Jennifer Aniston in a scene from The Bounty Hunter.

For Butler, a Scottish heartthrob best known for his sculpted abs and roles in violent films like 300. the challenge wasn't the physical side, but breaking the action star stereotype.

"My break in America

was Attila the Hun, which went into Time Line, Tomb Raider, Reign of Fire and at that point I loved doing that, but it's not like when you are still making your way in the business that people go, 'Tomb Raider, Oh my God, the guy should be in a comedy.' I was waiting for the right opportunity. I thought I don't want to dive in with something crappy. I wanted to wait until I'm lucky enough to get the right script that felt right.

teen star Corey Haim

Grim-faced relatives, friends and fans of Corey Haim gathered at a north Toronto funeral home yesterday to remember the fallen teen icon.

The former heartthrob, best known for starring in a string of '80s films including Lucas, The Lost Boys and License to Drive, was honoured in a private ceremony in his hometown.

Haim's family asked for privacy while they gathered in the wake of his sudden death last week in Burbank, Calif., but that didn't stop more than a dozen reporters and fans from gathering in front of the chapel.

"Some people might say it's a little silly, you didn't know the person. It doesn't matter. You watch the person's movies ... and it becomes a part of your life. To me, it's kind of like a part of my childhood died," said Dan Pigeau, 31.

The baby-faced actor died in hospital with an enlarged heart, pulmonary congestion and water in his lungs. He was 38.

In recent years he spoke openly about a lengthy battle with drug addiction, but it was not known what role

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Mourners arrive in Toronto for the funeral of Corev Haim.

drugs may have played in his death.

Friend Heather Leikan, 31, a former neighbour who met Haim in 2001, said his mother Judy has been a "pillar" of strength.

Leikan remembered Haim as a friendly soul who was generous with his friends.

"He made nothing secret but he also didn't have anything to apologize for,' Leikan said as she walked into the funeral home.

"When I met him he was living very modestly. One of the first times I hung out we went for a walk. What kind of guy asks you to go for a walk? I thought that was sweetest thing I'd ever

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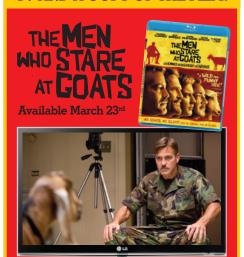




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Record-breaking deal

Jackson's \$200 million recording contract

son has landed the late King of Pop the biggest recording deal in history: a \$200 million guaranteed contract with Sony Music Entertainment for 10 projects over seven years, according to a person familiar with the deal.

The record-breaking contract through 2017 could be worth up to \$250 million if certain conditions are met. One of the albums will be of never-before-released Jackson recordings that will come out in November, the person said.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the official announcement is expected Tuesday.

Future projects may also include a DVD compilation of videos and a re-release of Off the Wall, Jackson's fifth studio album, which first came out in 1979, accompanied by some unreleased material. Before his sudden Michael death in June at age 50, the Jackson, pop star had wanted to re-is- right sue the album, people familiar with the deal said.

"This agreement with Sony Music demonstrates the lasting power of Michael's music by exceeding all previous industry benchmarks."

John Branca, co-administrator of Jackson estate

One of the projects already counted in the contract was the two-disc album that accompanied This Is It, the film based on footage of concert rehearsals for what was to have been Jackson's comeback at London's O2 arena

Including the more than five million copies of that special release, Jackson has sold some 31 million al-bums since his death

in June, about twothirds of them outside the United States. "During

Michael's contracts set the standard for the industry,' said John Branca, the co-administrator of the Jackson estate, in a statement pre-pared for release Tuesday. "By all objective criteria, this agreement with Sony Music demonstrates the lasting power of Michael's music by exceeding all previous industry benchmarks."

Rob Stringer, chairman of Sony Music's Columbia Epic Label Group, said in prepared remarks, "We're dedicated to protecting this icon's legacy and we're thrilled that we can continue to bring his music to the world for the foreseeable future." THE ASSOCIATED

Winfrey to defend defamation

LEGAL A federal judge says Oprah Winfrey must defend a defamation suit filed by the former headmistress of her girls' school in South Africa.



The case is now set for trial March 29 in Philadel-

Judge Eduardo Robreno refused to dismiss the suit in a decision Monday.

He says former headmistress Nomvuyo Mzamane has enough evidence to pursue claims Winfrey defamed her. Winfrey made the remarks in 2007 after sexabuse complaints surfaced at her school for poor girls near Johannesburg.

A dorm matron who worked under Mzamane was charged with abusing students.

Winfrey's lawyer, William Hangley, declined comment Tuesday on the decision.

Mzamane's lawyer did not immediately return a call for comment.

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Banished to the TV room

Kate Gosselin's big Dancing with the Stars debut is sure to draw a whole lot of eyes, but unfortunately for Jon, he'll have to watch her from home. Kate has essentially banned Jon from attending any tapings, popeater.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES



Celebrity Buzz

A real American hero?

WITH KEYS TO AN ARMOURY? Spencer Pratt appounced this week he's fleeing The Hills for a job at American Defense Enterprises, a selfdefense company that offers "world-class training in the entire spectrum of

small arms weaponry."

The reality star told People he discovered a new passion in life, working for the Los Angeles-based company in their cyber security division.

To those thinking this was another one of Pratt's media "gotchas," well, you'd be wrong.

PopEater spoke with Pratt's new boss, A.D.E.

THE GIRL'S GOT GRIT Poison

singer Bret Michaels — who has collaborated with

the Miley Cyrus on their

new single Nothing to Lose

old singer-and-actress be-

cause she stands

up for what

she believes

in.

He said:

"Does she

stir

up? No.

What

think

that she

does she

— is in awe of the 17-year-

sists the 26-year-old star is sincere and determined to "help do something good for a change.'

Contrary to reports, the Hills star is not leaving his hit MTV show, a tells source usmagazine.com.

"All of that stuff about him leaving The Hills to fight cyber crime is not true," the insider insists. The real story?

She doesn't take any flack

doesn't take any s—. I love

that about her. I've seen it.

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"He is leaving The Hills for six weeks because he was asked

26, recently "flipped out" on the show's set after a female producer made a request to which he object-

> "Very rattled" by Pratt's outburst, producer the filed complaint with the show's top producers who then threatened to kick Pratt off the show.

your piece or doing your thing is organic and more controversial than people

trying to be controversial."

Discussing whether or not Cyrus likes to create

scandals, he added to

America's OK! mag-

azine: "I think the

exact opposite ...

I think she's got a

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strong backbone."

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her lose weight. As-

TMZ reports. AssaiSupply.com has offered the actress a oneyear's supply of their product to help

THAT'S WHY THEY'RE TALKING

ABOUT SALES There has

been a big debate about

whether Gabourey Sidibe's

weight will hamper her fu-

ture career, despite her re-

cent Oscar nomination,

company has written a let-

ter to the Precious star,

telling her she needs to

worry about her health

not her image.

Now, one weight loss

popeater.com reports.

saiSupply's publicist Kevin Blatt tells PopEater, "We have seen a large increase in sales today, but we have not vet heard from Ms. Sidibie. We are really hoping to. We want to help her maintain healthy

lifestyle. "She has amazing potential, Oprah believes in her, and she could someday be

on that stage accepting an Öscar. We can only put it out there for her, we hope she takes us up on our offer. METRO NEWS

AND FOR ONCE SHE'S NOT TALKING ABOUT HER BODILY **FUNCTIONS** Continuing to hit back at former boyfriend John Mayer for revealing details about their sex life, Jessica Simpson says gossiping isn't the only dumb thing she's seen Mayer do, people.com

"I thought he was stupid for breaking with me, Simpson, 29, said on ABC's The View earlier this week

Asked if she's spoken to Mayer, since he likened her to "sexual napalm

she says.

bit rassing.

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The bomb has been diffused

They just want her healthy

Playboy interview," Simpson said she hadn't, and then added with a laugh: "And he'll never have this napalm again.' The singer and actress, whose new show The Price

of Beauty premiered Monday night on VH1, says she's still feeling the effects of Mayer's com-

ments.
"I'll walk into a restaurant or something, and I notice that more men are looking at me, but I feel like they're undressing me.'

"So, it's a little embar-

Wanted baby's name to flow

HOW ABOUT CREEK, OR WATERFALL, OR LA GOON? Giselle Bundchen ad-mits she felt like an alien the first time she went to work after her recent pregnancy.
"I got to the studio and I felt like I was E.T. -

hadn't

looked at

myself in a

mirror for

tells Vogue.

"I wanted something

'There's no way

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Celeb**Tweets**

doesn't feel very safe. DANNY DEVITO is having a rough morning, JOHN MAYER is planning for the future, and NICK CANNON doesn't appreciate comparisons.

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@Danny_DeVito 7:14 stretching. Meditation. Fall off the side of the bed. Crack head on side table. Try to go to the doctor with ice bag disguised as straw hat

@iohncmaver If I wanted to make a big impression my first day in prison, I'd walk up and punch the smallest, oldest dude in the face.

@Nick Cannon TMZ put me on Who would you rather with the little dude from



Drew 'basset hound' **Barrymore**

KINDA HAS A NICE RING TO IT

Drew Barrymore insists she has no interest in plastic surgery.

"I'm so curious as to what's going to happen naturally that I can't imagine wanting to alter things just yet," the 35-year-old actress tells the Daily Mail.

"And to all those women putting botulism in their faces — we don't know what the long-term effects



The future looks bright ARE THEY OUT OF THE **WOODS?** Tiger Woods was spotted with his wife Elin

for the first time since his sex scandal broke last November, usmagazine.com reports.

The two were spotted taking a stroll around their Isleworth gated community in Windermere, Fla., Saturday morning.

Walking several feet behind her husband, Elin, 30, wore a Nike bandana. (Interestingly, Nike is the one major sponsor that hasn't dropped Woods.)

his In hyped-up public apology

on Feb. 19, Woods refused to reveal whether he and

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and poise" and said that he his wife were splitting. and Elin have "started the He also denied rumours process of discussing the that she assaulted him damage caused by my bewhen she learned haviour ... My real apology of his affair with will not come in the form of words, but my Rachel Uchitel.

behaviour over time. "We have a lot to discuss. What we say to each other will remain between the two of us.'

wife's "enormous grace

METRO WORLD

whoa, what's going on? Hair and makeup? I

a month-and-a-half," she

The supermodel, who says she gave birth to son Benjamin last December in a bathtub in the Boston penthouse she shares with husband Tom Brady, originally wanted to name the baby River.

always flowing, immor tal," she says.
"My husband said,

we're going to call him River." METRO NEWS

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Chicken with 40 **Cloves of Garlic**

INGREDIENTS:

2 tsp olive oil 1 lb small white boiling potatoes 3 celery stalks, thickly sliced 2 carrots, halved lengthwise and cut into 1 1/2-in. pieces

40 garlic cloves, unpeeled 3/4 tsp tarragon 1/2 tsp rosemary, minced 3/4 tsp salt

1 cup chicken broth 1/2 cup dry vermouth 4 boneless, skinless chicken thighs 1/4 cup chopped parsley

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). Combine oil, potatoes, celery, carrots, garlic, tarragon, rosemary and salt in Dutch oven or

flameproof casserole. Toss to combine.

2. Add broth and vermouth to pan and bring to boil over medium heat. Reduce to simmer. cover and cook 10 minutes.

3. Add chicken, cover and place in oven. Bake until chicken is cooked through and potatoes and garlic are tender, 30 minutes. Stir in parsley just before serving

SERVES 4

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For nutritional infor mation on this and other great recipes go to rd.ca or checl out Key Ingredients



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ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Stick to what you know and trust. Changing fashions can be seductive but just because there is a new way of doing things does not mean it will be better

SEPT 23-OCT 23

If you feel trapped by a relationship, try mentioning that you need more time to yourself. If you say it the right way chances are they will understand.

TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21

(g) There are some things you must never reveal about yourself, no matter how tempted you may be to come clean and hope that others understand.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22 Let others lead the way and make suggestions, but don't let them use you as a guinea pig. If there is something risky they want to try let them go first.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21 There is a magnetic quality to your personality that will attract good things to you today along with one or two bad things as well.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21
You should be feeling both more relaxed and more affectionate now. If not, don't wor ry, because the good times will begin soon.

CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

As a cardinal sign you are rarely happy with a mid-level position. You were born for life at the top and you won't rest until vou are Number One.

CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20

Sometimes you can be too sus picious, so give friends and rel-atives the benefit of the doubt today. It's nicer for them and

LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

You may have tried something and failed a dozen times before but this time you are going to get it right. This time you can't

AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18

The more friends and work colleagues try to press you to fol-low a certain path the more you will enjoy following a dif-ferent path entirely.

VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

The best way to deal with a diffi-cult situation is to pretend it does not exist. This is one of those times when, by focusing on something, you give it power.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20

There is no point being too serious today. With the Sun in your sign forming a major union with Uranus, you really have nothing to worry about.



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1942: Holocaust: The first Jews from the Lviv Ghetto are gassed at the Belzec death camp (eastern Poland). 1948: Benelux, France, and the United Kingdom sign the Treaty of Brussels, a precursor to the North Atlantic Treaty establishing NATO.

1969: Golda Meir becomes the first female Prime Minister of Israel.

2008: New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer resigns after a scandal involving a high-end prostitute. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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